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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Tim Solobay

DATE: June 7, 2012

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Memo: Barber-Teacher Licenses and Cosmetology-Teacher Licenses

In the near future, I plan to introduce two bills that would streamline the process to obtain a Barber-Teacher license, eliminate the inconsistencies between Barber Law and Cosmetology Law qualifications, and phase out the Barber-Manager license. The first bill will amend the Barbers' License Law and the second will amend the Cosmetology Law.

Currently, the required years of experience and hours of training are significantly more extensive for Barber-Teachers than Cosmetology-Teachers, despite the teacher examinations being identical for both professions. This situation creates a substantial obstacle to becoming a Barber Teacher and has resulted in a corresponding decline in the number of licensed barbers in the Commonwealth. My legislative package would standardize the eligibility requirements for these licenses, thereby enhancing the number and quality of barbers in the Commonwealth. These proposals will benefit consumers by providing more qualified and motivated teachers to teach and train new barbers.

In addition, this legislation will benefit the Commonwealth by reducing costs of administering two classes of licensure rather than three. Increased availability of barber teachers would also result in an overall increase in licenses and license revenues.

This legislation has the full support of the Pennsylvania Barbers' Association.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring these bills, please contact Hannah Walsh at 7-1463 or hwalsh@pasenate.com.